(a) the revival status of Hindustan Cables, BHPV, HEC, Braithwaite and Burn Standard;

(b) whether any merger proposal of Hindustan Cables with BSNL and wagon manufacturing units with Railway is being examined; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The Government has approved revival proposals in case of Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited (HEC) and Braithwaite & Co. Ltd. Approval of High Court has been sought on the revival proposal of HEC. Implementation of revival plans in both the cases has been started. Out of the remaining three Public Secor Enterprises, Hindustan Cables Ltd. and Bharat Heavy Plates & Vessels Ltd. have been referred to the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) for its recommendations. It has also been decided to refer the case of Burn Standard to BRPSE.

(b) and (c) The proposals for merger of Hindustan Cables Ltd. with BSNL and wagon manufacturing units of Bharat Wagon Engineering Company Limited with Railways were taken up with the Department of Railways respectively. They, however, did not agree to the proposals.

Closure of PSUS in Andhra Pradesh

1575. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to close down Hindustan Cables Ltd. and Cement Corporation of India in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for taking such a sudden decision;

(c) whether any study has been made to look into the problems that have put these Public Sector Undertakings on the brink of closure;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether HCL and CCI have been referred to BIFR; and

(f) if so, what are the recommendations made by BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No decision for closure of Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL) has been taken. As per the order of BIFR, Government have decided to close down Adilabad Cement plant of Cement Corporation of India Ltd.

(b) On the basis of a Draft Rehabilitation Scheme (DRS), BIFR have approved a scheme for Cement Corporation of India Ltd. which inter alia provides for closure of seven non-operating plants including Adilabad Plant and revival of the balance three operating plants.

(c) and (d) A Draft Rehabilitation Scheme (DRS) for revival of HCL was submitted in May 2004 by the Operating Agency (State Bank of India) appointed by BIFR with an outlay of Rs. 1,448 crore. A Techno-Economic Feasibility Study of Adilabad Cement Factory was conducted by Cement Corporation of India Ltd. which did not find the revival of Adilabad Plant viable.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) HCL is under consideration of BIFR. BIFR have recommended closure of Adilabad Cement Plant along with six other non-operating plants of CCI as part of the Sanctioned Scheme.

Investment made in Central Public Undertakings

1576. SHRI O. T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Undertakings functioning at present in the country, location-wise;

(b) the details of investment made by Government during the last three years in each of them;

(c) the details of such undertakings which are running in profit/losses/ sick etc.; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?